

A Proposal to Make Austin Animal Services (even) Better for People and Pets

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We are asking the Commission to:

- Recommend to the City Council to pass a resolution to align Animal Services operations with Human Animal Support Services and join the HASS Project.
 - a. Become a pilot city committed to implementing HASS as it develops over next 12 months
- 2. In the resolution we would propose the following:
 - Set up task force of city employees, citizens, commission, public officials to work on fully integrating Animal Services with Human Services and DEI initiatives
 - b. Expect to see performance metrics that show shift in services, budget, efficacy of new programs and outcomes